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1. [redacted] railroad construction projects scheduled to be executed in 1954 included the reconstruction of the second track on Halle-Magdeburg, the Dessau-Wolfen and the Leipzig/Leutzsch-Grosskorbetha lines. 1

2. [redacted] double-track operations would be started between Luckenwalde and Trebbin on 4 October. After that date, the Luckenwalde-Justerbog section would be the only stretch of the Berlin-Ostbahnhof-Erfurt railroad line to remain single-track. 2

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3. [redacted] the second track on the Birkenwerder-Wusterrark line section was expected to be completed by the beginning of December, while work on the Eriesselang-Wusterrark line would probably not be completed before the beginning of next year. 3

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4. The Oranienburg, Velten and Potsdam railroad stations are scheduled to be reconstructed in 1954. In connection with the completion of the Berlin Railroad Circuit, the traffic burden on these stations is bound to increase. It had previously been envisaged to let trains bound for Berlin stop at these railroad stations and use the Berlin elevated train lines as feeder lines in order to reserve the Berlin Railroad Circuit for freight trains and specific express trains. 4

5. [redacted] the Wusterrark marshaling yard was to be connected to the Northwest Ring Berlin by a number of new connecting curves. A sum of 21 million Eastmarks has been made available for this project. Work on it was started on 1 October. The single-track curves are scheduled to be completed by the end of 1954. A new connecting curve

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is scheduled to be built near Erieselang on the Nordwest Ring in 1954.³

6. [] a sum of 88,000 eastmarks has been allocated for maintenance work on ramps and tracks at the Berlin-Magerviehhof railroad station in 1954. 6 25X1
7. Prior to 12 October, [] two piers of the railroad viaduct over the Neisse River at Goerlitz were completed. One arch has been boarded for concreting work, two piers remain to be boarded, while two other piers require repair work. 7 25X1
8. In September, the Council of Bezirk Rostock-Mitte requested the Greifswald regional railroad headquarters that it include the construction of the Ducherow-Karrin-Usedom line in its 1954 investment program. The request was forwarded to the Ministry of Railroads. 8 25X1
1. [] Comment. The reconstruction of the second track on the Dessau-Wolfen and Leipzig-Grosskorbetha lines was included in the 1954 railroad construction program. The same applies to the Schoenebeck-Calbe and Koethen-Halle sections of the Magdeburg-Halle line, which would then be double-tracked except for the Calbe-Koethen section. [] 25X1
2. [] Comment. The line between Luckenwalde and Justerbog was scheduled to be double-tracked by late October. [] 25X1
3. [] Comment. On 1 October, single-track operations were started on the Birkenwerder-Brieselang section of the Nordwest Ring Berlin. [] 25X1
[] The roadbed of the line has been built wide enough to receive a second track. The date for the laying of the second track will depend on the availability of rails. Because of a shortage of materials, the construction of the Brieselang-Wustermark line had to be postponed to 1954. 25X1
4. [] Comment. Only the reconstruction of the Velten railroad station has so far been included in the 1954 construction program. [] 25X1
5. [] Comment. For sketch of the connecting curves, see Annex. 25X1
6. [] Comment. This railroad station is of importance as a detraining and entraining point for KVP personnel and supply shipments. 25X1
7. [] 25X1
8. [] Comment. The reconstruction of this dismantled line, [] is improbable [] because this would require the reconstruction of the large railroad bridge over the Peene River near Karnin. [] However, there is a possibility that the Soviets, for military reasons, may demand the establishment of a railroad connection to the Island of Usedom in the mouth of the Oder River. 25X1

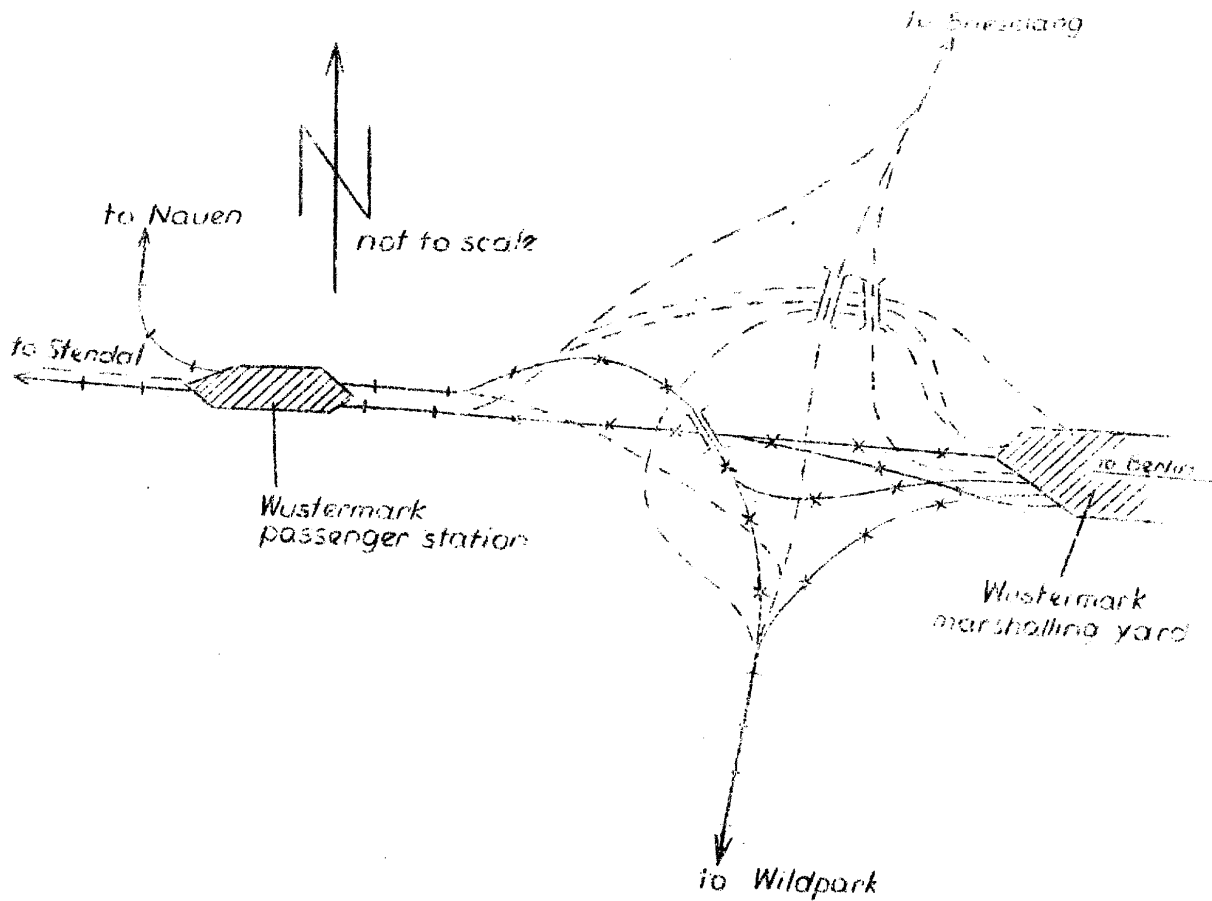
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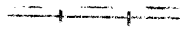
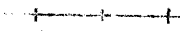
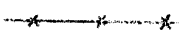

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ANNEX

Connecting Curves Scheduled to be Built on the Nordwest Ring, Berlin



-  Single-track line; the second track was dismantled
-  single-track line
-  earmarked for dismantling
-  planned connecting curves

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